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(FAC1)

24 OCTOBER 2018
9.00 – 11.00 am
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **SIX** pages with **FOUR** sections only.
2. Write all of your answers in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: WORD CLASSES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Each of the following sentences contains an error which has been underlined. Write the correct answer.

EXAMPLE: During the Hindu festival of Thaipusam, some worshippers pierced their cheeks from side to side with ceremony skewers, while others were erratically pacing the narrow street in a trance-like state.

Correction: ceremonial

1. The popular “zipper” name came in the B. F. Goodrich Company, when they decided to use fastener on a new type of galoshes or otherwise known as, rubber boots.
2. Dyslexia affects almost two million people in Britain today, but, unfortunate, the symptoms often go unnoticed because diagnosis is difficult.
3. A recent health insurance investigate revealed that the sound of a continually barking dog was cited as the most disruptive and stress inducing noise for humans.
4. If an elderly person remarks that todays children are rude and ill-mannered, he or she is probably right.
5. That evening while he was driving back to London in his old stationwagon with the two fabulous chairs tucked away snugly in the back, Mr Boggis had suddenly been struck by what seemed to him to be the most remarkable idea.
6. Developing countries often suffer much more extensively crises at the hands of natural disasters because limited resources inhibit or prevent the construction of adequate housing, infrastructure, and mechanisms for responding to crises.
7. Students’ sleep cycle may be affected by theirs unusual schedules, which fluctuate to accommodate classes, social activities or work.
8. AirAsia is the fastest growing low-cost airline in the world, carrying a total of 85 million passengers to date, with 7000 employing and 90 new airplanes flying to over 130 destinations in Asia, Australia and Europe.
9. Charley gazes dream across the chattering ward, bright with pale afternoon sunlight.
10. The educational attainment of women has strong bearing on the well-being of their families, but efforts to improve education for women and girls must be strengthened.
11. Tony had accidentally hit several plates as he was trying to get inside his wheelchair which had been parked in the living room hallway.

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12. Decades of hard work have caused the fingers on Mrs. Lim right hand to curl, joints to swell, and feet to deform slight.
13. We have enough ingredients for only one type of cake for Lisa's birthday party tomorrow. We can bake neither a chocolate cake or cheese cake for her.
14. Economists dismiss moves to import food grains as being "impractical" because of highest import costs and tougher shipping and contract regulations.
15. The grow demand for students to be proficient in speaking is inaugurated by the demand of the professional industry itself.
16. Geri Weis-Corbley became the first expert in the field of positive news until the former TV news freelancer launched the Good News Network in 1997.
17. In some parts of the continent, poor people are able to make a living by growing vegetables to feed them and sell the surplus.
18. Cynthia Bodkin adds that sleeping on an old mattress won't directly cause night-time asthma, but it could worsen symptoms for these who have the condition.
19. The clinic investigates how lifestyle choices—a healthy diet, exercise, social and mentally stimulating activities, as well as everyday habits, and ample sleep can markedly reduce you risk of Alzheimer's.
20. Sleep deprived people will go from feeling tired to feeling a heavy sense of exhaustion as if it is a chore just to get out of bed on the morning.

SECTION B: GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Write a paragraph entitled "How to travel solo abroad safely" using the verbs and verb phrases given below. Each of the verbs must be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive. Underline the verbs. You are allowed to use the verbs in any tenses.

trust	ensure	conceal	learn	spend
remember	interact	save	be polite with	be prepared to

(20 marks)

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SECTION C: TENSES [40 MARKS]**Question I**

Instructions: For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct tense. The verbs are given in the parentheses.

One Father's Battle Between Working and Giving Attention to His Daughter

"Missy," I called to my wife, "(be) **Did** (0) you smear Vaseline on my desk?" "No, honey. Meghan probably did." Just like that. Calm. I abandoned the conversation. I would deal with Meghan, our 22-month-old daughter, later.

All of that was yesterday. Today I (sit) (1) here at that same desk. I wait patiently for ideas to come to me, exam questions on Herman Melville for a test I (give) (2) my English students tomorrow. My wife is off to a reunion somewhere, but I am not alone. Our two children keep me company. Ten-month-old Edward cooperates to some degree; he spends most of his day poring over a seemingly endless array of cards, tags, and other assorted pieces of paper. Occasionally he leans out and thrashes or (flail) (3) madly at the piano, which he can just reach.

However, it is Meghan whose plans (destine) (4) from all eternity to clash with mine today. She follows a daily routine that is both time-consuming and challenging. It includes certain basic tasks: Watching the fish, sweeping the rug in her room and her crib, sitting for a few minutes on the bottom shelf of the bookcase to determine whether she still fits there, and checking periodically on Edward.

Her constant companion through all of this (be) (5) Dumpty, a shapeless rag doll whose best days are far behind him. A year ago, he (be) (6) well stuffed and bursting with good cheer. She provides his transportation; he provides her security. The filthier he grows, the more she (seem) (7) to rely on his wisdom and homespun philosophy.

About a week ago, my wife put Dumpty in the washing machine, hoping at least to make him recognizable. We were not ready for the emaciated creature that (emerge) (8). Dumpty (disembowel) (9) during the rinse cycle. My wife (spend) (10) 20 minutes picking his foam rubber intestines out of the machine. We thought Meghan might discard this mere shell of a Dumpty. We were wrong. There was no detectable difference in her relationship with him, except that she found him easier to carry while performing her chores.

"Bib-bibs, bib-bibs!" shrieks Meghan.

Adapted from Bartley, E. (n.d.). One Father's Battle Between Working and Giving Attention to His Daughter. Retrieved from <https://www.rd.com/advice/parenting/while-theres-time/>

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Let's Make It A Read And White Day

Times (change) are changing (0) in Singapore. The Government is re-imagining the economy to help boost productivity and keep the unemployment rate low, as seen by the formation of the Future Economy Council, initially known as the Council for Skills, Innovation and Productivity.

In politics, a new generation of leaders is stepping up, and a new prime minister might take over in the foreseeable future, as the current PM (indicate) (11) that he might step down after the next general election.

Socially, the population is ageing, and income inequality (remain) (12) a challenge. As Singapore charts a new future, we must not forget to look back every now and then. Understanding history and geopolitical realities is paramount in navigating the many challenges that lie ahead.

When I was a young foreign service officer, the best piece of advice I (get) (13) from my supervisors was to read books about the countries and regions that I was tasked to report on. While the newspapers provided news and commentary on the latest political or economic development, a good book (give) (14) me an insight into the country's history, its people, its struggles and its victories.

Every year, we (celebrate) (15) National Day on Aug 9, not because it was the day Singapore won independence (after all, it was expelled from Malaysia), but because Singapore (manage) (16) to build a successful city-state and made room for itself in an uncertain and, at one point, hostile neighbourhood.

As tumultuous as Singapore's early years were, when the dust settled, Singapore came out stronger. There (lie) (17) the lesson for current and future generations. While we can never know how Singapore would have been if its politics (evolve) (18) differently, our history will always remind us that, at the end of the day, good politics is always about the people it serves.

The best gift to yourself this National Day would be to read any book on Singapore. As time passes and memories (fade) (19) , we need to immerse ourselves in the literature, and learn from different viewpoints about the good, the bad and the ugly. It is only then that we will be able to truly appreciate what we have, what we lost and how we should build a new Singapore consensus.

The recently published award-winning comic book, *The Art Of Charlie Chan Hock Chye*, by Sonny Liew, is another excellent book, which chronicles the life of a fictional comic artist in Singapore from the 1950s to the present day. It (enlighten) (20) its readers about Singapore's history from the point of view of the common man, in a clever, thought-provoking and relatively light-hearted graphic novel.

Adapted from Agarwal, C. (2017). Let's Make It A Read And White Day. Retrieved from <https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/make-it-a-read-and-white-day>

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Question II

Instructions: Write a paragraph using all of the FIVE tenses listed below on ONE of the given topics. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in each sentence. There must be at least two sentences for each tense.

Topics:

- a) One of the most frightening nights in my life.
- b) One of the funniest incidents I have ever encountered.

Tenses to be used:

- Simple Present
- Simple Past
- Simple Future
- Present Progressive
- Past Progressive

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SECTION D: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Instructions: The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

EXAMPLE:	No	Line	Error	Correction
	0	1	are	is

How To Spot Fake News

“Fake news” **are** the phrase on everyone’s lips and every publication’s front page, as people all over the media world try to understand the fake news epidemic. How can readers tell whether an article is honest or not? There is many ways to spot fake news. One of the ways are to read more than the headline! 1

Sensationalism start with the headline, and that is unfortunate — most people only read the headline. The tendency to stop at the headline is especially troublesome in an age where social media dominates conversations. A study last year by computer scientists at Columbia University and the French National Institute showed that of the many stories shared on social media, 59 percent of them did not receive clicks, meaning people were sharing them based solely on the headline, not the content within! 5 10

Headlines is an important part of journalism. Without a captivating headline, people are less likely to read an article, which is the whole point of writing it, after all. Nevertheless, they rarely contains all the important information. No matter the source of an article, whether it be The New York Times or some blogs running out of a basement, you should never stop at the headline. 15

Besides that, not all publications are equal in journalistic rigor or thoroughness. Optimists points to the internet’s value as a medium for sharing information, where anyone, anywhere with a connection can broadcast their thoughts, or access those of others. However, that freedom comes with a lack of quality control. This is because, not everyone broadcasting info on the internet are well-informed, or even honest. Online, you should also take note of the site’s URL. Fake news sites will often have strange URLs, such as the infamous “abcnews.com.co,” a website that went so far as to emulate the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s (ABC) logo. 20 25

Lastly, do not be fooled by sarcasm. In the age of Twitter, everyone is a comedian — or at least consider themselves one. Unfortunately, this can lead to confusion. Many satirical (humorous) sites today bears names that sound legitimate, and the stories themselves might hew a little too close to reality for people to realize they are satire. If a story seem too weird to be true, check to see if the site has a satire disclaimer. We should take tweets and social media posts in general with a grain of salt. 30

Adapted from Nicol, W. (2018). How To Spot Fake News. Retrieved from <https://www.digitaltrends.com/web/how-to-spot-fake-news/>

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